

# SACWN

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## "THE GARDEN VARIETY LESBIAN VARIETY SHOW"

"This Side of Butch," a three-women comedy troupe will perform their new work, "The Garden Variety Lesbian Variety Show" for SACWN on August 19, 1994, 6:30 p.m. at the Capitol Plaza Halls, 1025 9th Street, in the Silver Room.

The comedy troupe was formed during a particu-

larly long stand-up comedy show when comedians Amy Boyd, Karla Carmony and Stephanie Mazow agreed that it was time for something different in lesbian comedy. And so, "The Garden Variety Lesbian Variety Show" featuring skits, songs, videos and lots of wigs was born.

The show consists of a cavalcade of comedy with spoofs and satire of contemporary life from a decidedly lesbian point of view. You'll see television shows the way they should have been done. You'll see commercials for products you really can use. You'll see Madonna, Jodie, k.d., Martina, Cindy, and lots more very "butch" stuff.



<b>DATE:</b>	<b>Friday, August 19, 1994</b>
<b>PLACE:</b>	<b>Capitol Plaza Halls, 1025 9th Street, Silver Room</b>
<b>TIME:</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. Networking; 7:30 p.m. Program</b>
<b>TICKETS:</b>	<b>\$10 Subscribers; \$15 Non-Subscribers and at Door</b>

See order form on inside of back cover of this newsletter.

*This event is open to women over 21 years of age only.*



## FROM THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Our June event was a "hot one" in several ways. First, the air conditioning in the older part of the Clarion Hotel did not work. While the hotel staff tried all day to lower the temperature in the room, our 200 bodies made it unbearably hot. In the end, the Clarion did not charge rent for the evening, but that was little consolation for our suffering.

With the film festival, we tried "a little something different" which also generated some heat. The concept of a "film festival" is to view the products of contemporary working artists, in this case, lesbian artists. These are women who are documenting and preserving their images of our lives and times. The films are "art films" and often have very thin plots, are more like documentaries and frequently seem like the creator's fantasy rather than a typical "movie." This is typical for a "film festival."

Each of the short films shown had been presented at other film festivals across the country. They were selected based on the reviews from those film festi-

vals. The films were rented from a film house in New York City (as you can imagine, there are few places that rent this type of media). No prior viewing of the films was possible due to distance, cost and time. The station wagon film was boring to many, but at the same time, some women understood the artist's processing of her ending relationship through the car.

Most of all, the management of SACWN believes it is important to support the work of often struggling lesbians through the viewing of their films. Our dream for the "annual film festival" is to develop it into a "juried show." Lesbian filmmakers would then submit their new works for our SACWN audience to critique and evaluate, similar to the shows in major cities. Much work needs to be done to get to that point, but imagine the fun!

We write this as we return from the very successful Second Annual Sacramento Women's Gathering. Seventy-four women shared a weekend at Camp Augusta (pictures in the next newsletter). Our thanks to Carol, Shirley, Beryl, Ann, Kate, Lee, Leta, Linda, Lise, Ellie and everyone who pitched together to make it an incredible experience. It was a weekend of memories that creep into your mind at odd times and make you smile. Wonderful!

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### SACWN ADVERTISING RATES

Type	Member	Non-Mem
1/2 Business Card	\$14	\$21
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3 1/4 x 1 3/4		
Two-column ad	\$40	\$60
4 1/2 x 2 3/4		
Quarter page	\$50	\$75
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Half page	\$90	\$135
7 1/8 x 4 1/2		
Full page	\$160	\$240
Classified ads (per word)	.40	.60
Discounts	1 year	20%
(pre-paid)	1/2 year	10%



# SACWN

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS - AUGUST

The only constant is change! And we have a lot of changes this month in our Special Interest Groups. Angie who has co-facilitated the Singles Group with such energy and zest is now living in "couple" status. Thanks you so much for your hard work with the Singles Group, Angie. Jean says no one seems to be interested in Bridge lately, so the Bridge Group will take a rest. Our sincere appreciation to Jean and Marsha for their coordination. The Artist's Group is also moving into an inactive state. Our thanks to Carmen who served as the contact point for this SIG. Lastly, Eva has dedicated hundreds of hours over the past year to the Late Bloomer's Group and due to other life priorities is no longer able to continue as facilitator. So this group will become inactive at this time. Thank you, Eva, so very much!

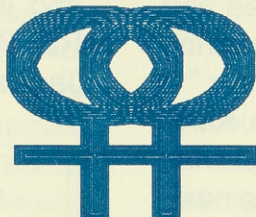
The Special Interest Groups serve as an entry point for women joining SACWN. Friends are made, information is shared, and many lives are enriched. If you'd like to lead a SIG, please call the SACWN office at 451-8034 to discuss your ideas. When you participate in the SIGs, be sure to tell the facilitators how much you appreciate their dedication. Thanks!

### SINGLE CONNECTION

**August 20, Saturday**, Join us for a BBQ, Swim and Potluck at Ann Johnson's. RSVP 927-6038. **ALL SACWN SIG** members invited to this event. *Bike riding?* Call Paulette at 684-0474

**Sept. 23-25** - Join Singles Group for end of summer & Women's Weekend. We will tent camp on grassy grounds of Willows Resort. Hot tub, showers, sauna, pool. \$30 per person for 3 days, 2 nights. Includes continental breakfast. Reserve your spot asap. Call Debbie 209/444-7105 or Jan 723-7680. Coming Events: Water Slide and game night!

*Jan has volunteered to help facilitate the Singles events with Debbie. Good luck to both of you from past facilitators Angie & Cynthia. Also thanks to all of you who joined us for our picnic at Negro Bar. The "water fight" kept us cool after our intense volleyball games.*



TOP TEN

These "over fifty" women are up to something. Call Lise to find out at 452-4948.

### HIKING

Still wandering! Call **Nancy at 454-5847** to find out where and when.

### RAINBOW CAMPERS

Here's the schedule for our camping summer. For information about Rainbow campers call Casey Garrison 366-7362.

**August 12-13** Wright Beach, Highway 50, Call Pam 457-9769  
**September 16-17** Nevada Beach, Lake Tahoe; Call Linda & Cathy 481-3224

**October 7-8** Coloma Resort; call Sharon 421-6639

### NEWCOMERS GROUP

On Sunday, August 28, we'll have brunch at Ernesto's, 1901 16th Street, at 1:30 p.m. We have been having a great turnout, so come and meet the facilitators and other members. If you are new to Sacramento, SACWN or just "new," come and join us. All members and facilitators invited to attend. RSVP to **Angie at 455-2550** or **Cinder at 676-0641**.

### GOLF

Give **Judy** a call at **759-9661** to find out the details about their Thursday game.

### THE WALKING GROUP

Let's walk! **Reina** can be reached at **448-5412**.

### COUPLES CONNECTION

We are growing and having a wonderful time. Come join us for a pot luck at **Diana & Julie's** on Sunday, August 14, 1:00 p.m. Bring drinks and a dish to share. Call **Lesha or Cinder at 676-0641** for directions.

### POKER

We love poker. Want to join us for a game? Call **Kym and Jane at 649-1182**.

### CULTURE CLUB

The pool party is at **Ann's** on August 20. Call for info. **Ann 927-6038**.

### BIRDERS GROUP

Nature lovers wanted. No other qualifications necessary. Call **Kathy Mullen at 362-3175** evenings before 9 p.m.



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## SACWN CALENDAR FOR 1994

Friday, August 19, 1994 - **The Garden Variety Lesbian Variety Show** performed by *This Side of Butch*. Capitol Plaza Halls, 1025 9th Street.

Who is *This Side of Butch*?

**Amy Boyd** was the winner of the 1993 "Ladies of Laughter" comedy competition. She hails from San Diego but has performed all over the U.S. She's opened for Judy Tenuta and "The Kathy and Mo Show" and was a writer/actor for "Out for Laughs," a television comedy pilot. She loves working in San Francisco and is relieved she can finally parallel park on steep hills worry free.

**Karla Carmondy** was raised in the Midwest on Jello and the Bionic Woman. Vertically challenged stand-up comic Carmondy performs at clubs throughout the Bay Area and across the country. She writes and performs for KPFA radio's "Women's Comedy Hour." A Berkeley resident for the past 12 years, Karla spends a great deal of time trying to balance political correctness with her insatiable need for red meat.

**Stephanie Mazow**, a native Texan with a flair for the dramatic has turned to comedy to counterbalance her melancholy side. A playwright and director, she says performing sketch comedy is a good way for her to overcome her inhibitions, to see what the front of the stage looks like and to titillate thousands at one time.

Join SACWN and *This Side of Butch* for a hilarious evening of fun!

**LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP**  
Meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the  
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For more info call 632-7080

## IN THE COMMUNITY

**August 2, 1994** - 7:30 p.m. San Francisco Mime Troupe will perform "Escape from Cyberia" at the Crest Theater. Proceeds benefit the Sacramento Housing Alliance. For info call 442-1198.

**August 13, 1994** - 8:00 a.m. Susan B. Anthony Women's 5 K Run, to benefit The Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center, Woodland CA. For info call Laura Kulsik 983-5272.

**August 31, 1994** - 7 p.m. Paulette Jacobson will sign her book, "Letters from the Closet" at Lioness.

**September 4, 1994** - Rainbow Festival. Look for the SACWN booth staff by Angie and friends. *Angie would love some help with the booth. Give her a call at 395-4147.*

**September 16, 1994** - Meet conductor Nan Washburn and hear about women composers and the Camellia Orchestra's new season. RSVP Dell Richards 455-4790 or Paulette Jacobson 684-0974.

### SECOND WIND RANCH 1st ANNUAL SUMMER ROUNDUP

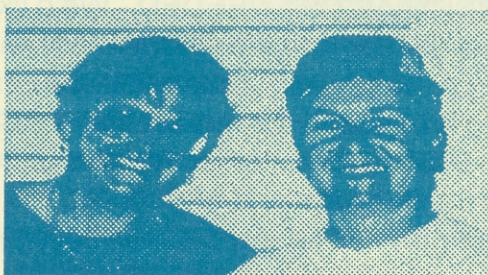
Saturday, August 20, 1994

As you know, the women of the fantastic band, Second Wind, are living in neighboring El Dorado County. On Saturday, August 20, Pattie and Rita are producing the first women's event at their ranch. Join them for an all day barbecue, swimming, and sunning at the creek, volleyball, horseshoes, workshops, song circle, C & W dance lessons, arts & crafts to browse through, wonderful women to meet and mix with, and a dance under the stars, with great dance music by Second Wind, of course!

Call 642-1360 or send \$25 per person, \$45 per couple (all day Barbecue included in price) to: Second Wind

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Nancy Avery and Dorothy Mason are proud lesbian women, dedicated to helping other lesbians "Be PROUD" too. Their business, called "Be PROUD!", located in Davis, sells jewelry, flags, decals, clothing, teddy bears and other items with gay and lesbian symbols of pride including rainbows and pink or black triangles.

"We wanted to wear a pink triangle pin and couldn't find one. So, we started making jewelry, and the product line developed from there," explained Dorothy. "Primarily, we are wholesalers, selling items to bookstores, gift stores, event organizers, universities and health education groups. We have more than 400 items in the wholesale catalog and sell to more than 700 businesses in this country, Europe, Australia, Japan and Canada." Recently, they began staffing booths at festivals, rodeos and tradeshows. "We went to EuroPride in Amsterdam this year and will travel to Sydney, Australia for Mardi Gras in February. We exhibit about 20 times a year."

While the business was growing, Nancy worked as a pharmacist. Dorothy still spends a day and a half a week working as a hygienist, but expects to join Nancy full time in the business in the near future. Another source of pride for these women is their 8 year old daughter. "We adopted her as openly gay parents. And she loves our work." Nancy added, "She attends many of the festivals on the West Coast and participates in the children's activities. Some festivals have children's gardens, art projects, costumed characters and entertainment. It's also important for her to be with other kids who live in gay and lesbian households."

Under the direction of these talented women, the business has experienced enormous growth each year.

## SUCCESSFUL SACWNITES

"We have several marketing and product ideas that we are considering for the future. We are developing health awareness products that will incorporate the red ribbon symbol for AIDS and pink ribbon symbol for breast cancer awareness." Nancy is considering a newsletter that caters to gay and lesbian businesses, while Dorothy is developing plans to market products in more mainstream stores.

To Dorothy, success begins with reaching a level of financial independence. "At first, when you own your own business, meeting your bills and expenses is most important. We've reached that point, and now success feels like "contributing." We help other businesses and we make a difference in people's lives with our business. People enjoy our products. We help our customers express their personal pride."

A strong business foundation is important to Nancy in defining success. "We have come to the point in the business where our credibility is established. We have a sound financial record. It is validating to know that we can support ourselves as entrepreneurs, that we can maintain a standard of living with our own business. For us, this business is all about being proud and being out as lesbians. It is healthy making a living being who you are and wonderful to be financially successful. We have fun meeting other lesbian and gay people all over the world. We are living our culture."





## SACWN SAYS....

### BLOOD BANK DONATIONS NEEDED -

SACWNite Jayne Rountree reports that her chemotherapy treatments have started and that she will be needing 20 units of blood. She is asking for assistance from SACWN members. To donate blood, go to the Sacramento Blood Bank, give blood (any type is okay) and get a receipt. Send the receipt to SACWN, 1616 29th Street, Sacto. 95816 and we will forward them to Jayne. There are four locations of the Sacramento Blood Bank:

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**IN THE LIFE** - The Summer edition of the newsletter produced by the June L. Mazer Lesbian Collection (our lesbian archives) is all about Women's Music over the past 20 year. For a free copy call SACWN 451-8034.

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CELEBRATION OF SACWN  
OCTOBER 29, 1994**

*6 p.m. Cocktails  
7 p.m. Dinner  
8 p.m. Program with  
Recognition for Founding Mothers  
9 p.m. to Midnight  
Dance with "Second Wind"*

It will be a very special celebration. To commemorate this herstorical occasion, we are developing a printed program with remembrances from SACWN's past. We'd like **you** to send us a special thought, feeling, or message about your relationship with SACWN.

SACWN has meant so much to so many women. We want to know, remember, understand and reflect on those feelings. We need to feel the power of having been part of an organization that has worked to respond to the social and networking needs of the lesbian community for ten years.

All funds raised through the sale of space and ads in the program will be used to subsidize the costs of the evening's celebration. We will offer a sliding scale ticket fee so that every woman can attend.

### REMEMBRANCES OF SACWN

Submit your memories, wishes, congratulations to SACWN. Enclose \$5 for each printed line (10 words). Include your name exactly as you wish it to appear. Please print or type.  
Message:

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date you first joined SACWN: \_\_\_\_\_  
Return by September 15, 1994 to SACWN,  
1616 29th Street, # 310, Sacto., 95816.

### ADVERTISING

The rates for advertising in the commemorative program are as follows:

Business Card	\$ 25
Half Page (4" x 3 1/2")	\$ 50
Whole Page (4" x 7")	\$100

Camera ready art work will be due by October 14, 1994.

*(If you are interested in selling ads for the program, please call the SACWN office.)*

### SPONSORSHIP

**Silver Supporters:** For a donation of \$50 to \$99 your name will be listed as a "Silver" donor.

**Gold Supporters:** For a donation of \$100 or more, your name will be listed as a "Golden" donor.

It is estimated that the actual cost of the evening will be \$40 per person, and each dollar donated as a sponsorship will directly subsidize someone attending the evening.

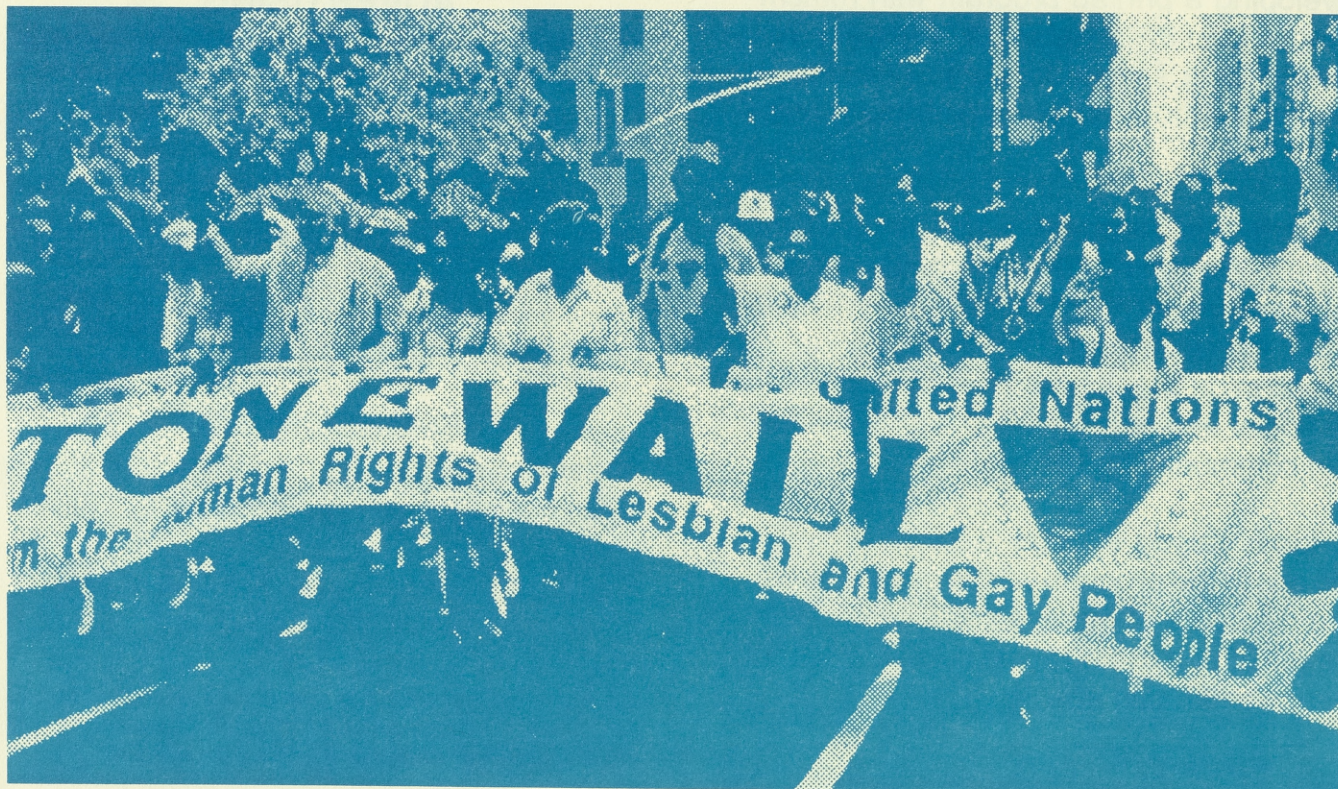


## CELEBRATING OUR FREEDOM

It was a hot and humid day on June 26, 1994 in New York City. As we walked closer to First Avenue we heard the sounds of our community preparing for the March. We walked parallel to the March route until we found a spot to settle. We were on a slight rise and could see the flag begin to move between the tall buildings lining the street. It was the longest rainbow flag ever assembled and it went for as far as we could see. The colors of our symbol of freedom and unity unfolded in what seemed like a never ending wash of brilliance. The flag carriers began to pass us, holding their piece of the enormous cloth tightly at their waist. The sun shone through the cloth and painted the street under the flag with the rainbow tones from above. As the marcher moved, the flag waved slightly up and down, and the area between the street and flag came alive with sunstreaks of color. The flag was three dimensional, moving, flowing, flying, hovering above the street. We watched transfixed, for an hour.

Then, a runner started his zig zag path down the parade route. He held a scissor in his hand and began making cuts every twenty feet or so. Running from side to side through the flag, he cut apart the extraordinary symbol so that those who carried it could have a piece of the flag.

The mile long rainbow flag was alive briefly. But the memory of it's movement and it's purpose will live forever. Following the flag, holding a banner that read "STONEWALL 25" were the ones who were there that night. It was hard to imagine that these gentle looking graying people were the catalyst for our freedom. My throat tightened, my eyes filled with tears. I held my partner's hand tightly, silently, thankfully, acknowledging the risk those men and women took twenty-five years ago, profoundly aware of the impact it has had on the way we live our lives today.





## SACWN SAYS....

**SPECIAL THANKS** - We had wonderful prizes donated by Be PROUD and IN THE GROVE RECORDS for our game night at the Sacramento Women's Gathering. Please thank them (and all of our advertisers) for their support of SACWN.

**TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE** - The Lambda Letters Project is again selling the "Entertainment" books which contain 2 for 1 coupons for restaurants around town. It's a great deal and a wonderful project. Call Boyce at 965-6851 for info.

**WEST COAST WOMEN'S MUSIC AND COMEDY FESTIVAL** - This year the festival is celebrating its 15th anniversary with an outstanding array of performers. If you are going to the festival, be sure to use the registration form in the June issue of SACWN (need one, just call 451-8034). Let's get together for some SACWN time while we are there. If you've never been to the festival, call the SACWN office and we'll talk you into going. It is a source of women energy that can keep you warm all through the winter.

**DOMESTIC PARTNER BILL MOVING TO SENATE** - Calls and letters are needed now on the Domestic Partner bill. The radical religious right is very organized. They call daily to try to convince lawmakers that we are sick deviants. Call your Senator now as if your freedom depended on it.

**FILM MAKER ASKING FOR ASSISTANCE** - Pam Walton, creator of the video *Gay Youth* is working on a video to expose the insidious and vocal religious right and their efforts to take over the Republican Party in six states. She needs financial assistance to complete the project. If you can help, call her at 415/960-3414.



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## LAMBDA FREEDOM FAIR

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*LIMITED INCOME - We consider a person living on a limited income to be anyone who is having a difficult time paying for basic necessities - food, utilities and rent - and who rarely considers entertainment as part of her budget.

\* SENIORS - Age 65+ on Limited Income; STUDENTS - Students 21+ on Limited Income; DISABLED - Disabled Citizens on Limited Income.

\*\*SUSTAINING - Contributing a little extra to help supplement others (Seniors, Students, Disabled) on limited income.

## "THE GARDEN VARIETY LESBIAN VARIETY SHOW"

Mail in Ticket Form

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 1994  
FROM 6:30 P.M.  
CAPITOL PLAZA HALLS  
1025 9th Street, Sacramento

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Category	# Tickets	Subscriber Names or #s
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Subscribers- \$ 10\* \_\_\_\_\_

(\*To obtain this rate, each subscriber's name must be listed.)

Limited Income- \$6 \_\_\_\_\_

(Seniors, Disabled, Student Subscribers\*)

Non-subscribers-\$15 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

All tickets will be \$15 at the door.

Please include a **self-addressed stamped** envelope with a check made payable to SACWN. If no envelope is included, tickets will be held at the door. Send to:

SACWN  
1616 29th Street, Suite 310  
Sacramento, CA 95816

*Tickets may be picked up at the above address when pre-arranged. Call 451-8034 for information.*

This is an event for women over 21 only!





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